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1. FOLLOWING IS CORRECTED TEXT OF LATIN AMERICAN BLOC PROPOSAL FOR GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS TREATMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ISSUE. THIS SECOND DRAFT IS DATED SEPT. 16. NEW TEXT IS SAME AS OLD TEXT UP TO AND INCLUDING FIFTH PARAGRAPH WHICH BEGINS "CONSCIOUS OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH COULD BE ENCOUNTERED". REVISED TEXT THUS BEGINS WITH SIXTH PARAGRAPH:

2. "CONSIDERING IMPORTANCE AND THE URGENCY WITH WHICH THE 31ST UNGA SHOULD ADOPT A DECISION IN REGARDS TO INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGMENT FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. TO ESTABLISH AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGAN FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT WHICH WAS EXPRESSED IN THE ANNEX OF THE FIRST RESOLUTION: "PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION" PARA 2: "INTER-GOVERNMENTAL WORLD ORGAN" ITEMS 12 THRU 15.

B. TO CREATE "HABITAT": CENTER OF THE UN FOR HUMAN SETTLEMTNS" AS THE UNIT OF THE SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. THIS CENTER SHOULD HAVE A FUNCTIONAL LINK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROPOSALS RESTRUCTURING THE UN SYSTEM.

C. TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED RECOM-MENDATIONS DO NOT IMPLY THE CREATION OF A NEW INTER-NATIONAL ORGAN BUT RATHER A RESTRUCTURING USING THE HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES THAT ARE NOW FOUND IN EXISTING ORGANS.

D. TO PLACE THE NEW CENTER "HABITAT" UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO WILL ANSWER DIRECTLY TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, REGARDLESS OF THE STITUTIONAL DEPENDENCY WHICH THE CENTER WOULD HAVE ON THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGAN REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1.

E. TO INCREASE THE HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHICH THE UN CURRENTLY DEDICATES TO THE FUNCTIONS AND/OR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, CHANNELING THESE NEW FUNDS THROUGH THE CENTER "HABITAT".

F. TO DETERMINE THAT APROPORTION OF THE TOTAL RESOURCES AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE CENTER "HABITAT" WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS WOULD UNDERTAKE OR PROMOTE IN FAVOR OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

G. TO REQUEST OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL HIS COLLABORATION IN ENRICHING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS COORDINATING THEM WITHIN NEW STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UN NOW UNDER STUDY.

H. TO REITERATE THE CONSENSUS ADOPTED IN THE LATIN AMERICAN PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESS ON ADMINISTRATION OF UNEP AND HABITAT, HELD CONFIDENTIAL

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